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SUBJECT: GOCAR-SPELLMAN NEGOTIATIONS

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1. DURING COURSE OF BOKASSA'S FEBRUARY 22 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MARRIAGE OF HIS ELDEST SON, I HAD OPPORTUNITY TO WARN MINISTER OF HOUSING HENRI MAIDOU IN ADVANCE OF CONTENTS REFTEL. MAIDOU WAS MUCH SURPRISED AND TAKEN ABACK. I REMINDED HIM THAT BUSINESS REFERENCE WHICH HE HAD ASKED EMBASSY TO PROVIDE REGARDING SPELLMAN DID NOT INDICATE THAT SPELLMAN HAD ACCESS TO LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY. MAIDOU ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THIS WAS INDEED THE CASE, BUT HIS WATERGATE APARTMENT WAS SO LUXURIOUS THAT GOCAR REPRESENTATIVES THOUGHT MONEY MUST BE THERE SOMEWHERE.

2. EX-CAR AMBASSADOR TO THE US BANDA-BAFIOT REMAINS UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN BANGUI. AS BANDA-BAFIOT WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PUTTING SPELLMAN IN CONTACT WITH GOCAR, IT IS LIKELY

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HE WILL BEAR PARTIAL BLAME FOR COLLAPSE OF DEAL.

3. NEWS OF COLLAPSE OF SPELLMAN PROJECT COMES AT PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE TIME. OUR RELATIONS LOCALLY CONTINUE TO REFLECT GOCAR PIQUE AT ALLEGED LACK OF AID ON PART OF USG AND THEIR PERSISTENT IMPRESSION THAT EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT ARE SOMEHOW ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK AND DISCOURAGE US PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN CAR. FONMIN POTOLOT IS STRONG ADVOCATE OF LATTER POINT OF VIEW WHICH HE HAS MADE FORCEFULLY KNOWN TO US ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. KOYAMBA HAD NOT ARRIVED BACK IN BANGUI AT TIME OF WEDDING/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SO THAT IMPACT HIS VIEWS NOT YET EVIDENT. HE WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO BANGUI TUESDAY (2/25) AFTERNOON.  
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